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MARLBOROUGH RESIDENT INDICTED FOR UNLAWFULLY PRODUCING AND SELLING FAKE U.S. IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS AND FOR POSSESSING DOCUMENT-MAKING IMPLEMENTS

BOSTON-A Brazilian man residing in Marlborough was indicted today in connection with his alleged production and sale of counterfeit green cards and social security cards and for possessing document-making implements.

United States Attorney Michael J. Sullivan and Matthew J. Etre, acting special agent-in-charge of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in New England, announced today that Horacio Neto, 39, of 110 Boston Post Road, Marlborough, Mass., was indicted on two counts for manufacturing and transferring false United States identification documents, and for possessing document-making implements.

According to the Indictment and other documents previously filed with the Court, a confidential source ("CS") cooperated with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") agents in an undercover investigation. It is alleged that through telephone calls the CS made arrangements to purchase from Neto two sets of fraudulent green cards and social security cards. It is alleged that on June 10, 2005, the CS met with Neto in a parking lot in Marlborough and provided Neto with digital memory card containing two photos, names and dates of birth to be used on the fraudulent documents. It is alleged that Neto left with the items and information and entered an apartment building located at and 195 East Main Street, Marlborough, Massachusetts. It is alleged that Neto rented an apartment at this location for operating his false document production business. Neto returned to the meeting place approximately 40 minutes later providing the CS with two sets of fraudulent documents. It is alleged that the CS paid Neto \$160 in cash for the fraudulent documents.

It is alleged that in July 2005 the CS purchased an additional two sets of fraudulent identification documents from Neto again paying \$160 in cash.

If convicted, Neto faces a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison, to be followed by 5 years of supervised release and a \$250,000 fine on each count of the Indictment. Additionally, Neto faces possible deportation to his native Brazil upon completion of any prison sentence that is imposed.

The case is being investigated by ICE. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Antoinette Leoney in Sullivan's Major Crimes Unit.

The details contained in the Indictment are allegations. The defendant is presumed to be innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

ICE

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.